

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

A RIDE WITH THE ROAD SUPERVISOR.

The Makiki Road to be Widened—The Temporary Railroad to the Beach—Other Notes.

Very few people are aware of the fact that there are ninety-six miles of public highways in the district of Honolulu, and yet such is the truth. In the ten years preceding the incumbency of the present Road Supervisor some \$1,700,000 were spent on road work, and at the end of that period there was little or nothing to show for it. Since Mr. Cummings took charge, some twenty months since, \$102,000 have been spent and five times as much work has been accomplished as in the whole period preceding. A STAR reporter accompanied the Road Supervisor on his usual rounds this morning and gained considerable insight into the amount of work now going on in his department.

There are twelve men employed in putting in new sidewalks on Spruce street, where they were badly needed. The entrance to Vineyard street from Nuuanu is being widened, another much needed improvement. Here a wing-wall is being constructed from the bridge at an expense of over \$400, one mason and four helpers being employed on the wall, while ten others are grading the street, which will be 44 feet wide when the present improvements are completed. Messrs. Waterhouse and Cunha contributed \$100 toward the expense of building this wing-wall.

The Iwilei road from the depot, around the jail and thence out to the slaughter house, is nearly completed, only the top dressing being needed. From the slaughter house the road has also been finished which comes around the jail on the Waikiki side. In the neighborhood of the Kamehameha schools considerable street work is going on, two gangs of ten prisoners each being employed, one on the Kamehameha lane and the other on the east Kalia road. Liliha street has been opened up from Judd to Wilder street at considerable expense, as part of the road went through two patches. This has all been filled in with rock. It is noteworthy, not only in this vicinity, but in others, that new houses, fences and other improvements follow the improvement on the streets. Alakea street from Richards to the Esplanade is also being graded and will, no doubt, be the main avenue to the Esplanade from the eastern end of the city. The entire length of Young street is also being reduced in height to conform to the present grade. Twelve men are employed on this work.

Three separate gangs of prisoners, eleven in each, are employed on the Waikiki road, which is to be widened and macadamized its entire length. For this purpose two strips of land have already been purchased at an expense of \$1800 and the fences set back already. Five rock culverts over the waterways have been completed and the work of filling in commenced. This would take months to accomplish by the slow process of carts, but under the present arrangements it will be completed by the first of the year by means of a railroad which is now being constructed. This road starts from the gate leading to the Diamond residence and passes through the Bishop estate property to the beach and thence nearly to the rear of Sherwood's place. Here there is a big bank of sand with which the Waikiki road is to be filled in until high enough to receive the macadam. The track is being constructed the same width as the street car track, and it is intended to use the latter whenever required, an arrangement to that effect having been made with Mr. Payne by which the Street Department obtains the use of any and all of the car tracks for one dollar per day per car. A number of new cars are being constructed at the Government yard for this purpose and they will be a decided improvement over the old ones in that they require no unloading, the simple act of taking out a pin doing the business automatically on either side. This will save the labor of one person going entirely, which can be utilized on other work.

Rock for street work is mostly obtained from the Kamaoili quarries, where three gangs of prisoners and twelve-day laborers are employed. Three steam drills are used here in the process of blasting, while a permanent rock-breaker crushes the stone into the required fineness. A temporary railway runs from the crusher to Berea street, the cars being loaded by running them underneath the platform. After the work of macadamizing Berea street is completed, which will be in a short time, only one block remaining to be graded, a third rail will be laid from the street car company's stable to the quarry, which will permit of the new cars being used, and from thence drawn on the car tracks to any part of the city required, which will effect an immense saving in the handling of material.

Of the large number of men in the employ of the street department, the majority receive \$1 per day. Quarrymen and some others are paid \$1.25, while the wages of engineers, lunas, etc., of course are much higher. The men are paid monthly instead of weekly, as formerly. All the carts and cars used by the department are made in its own shop, where also all repairing, tool sharpening, etc., is done. All supplies needed for the department, such as lime, cement, powder, steel, etc., are purchased by tender, at a very great saving over the previous

regime, an instance in point being the item of giant powder, which now costs \$9.21 per ton, while under the former supervisor \$40 was paid.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

The busses are gaining patronage rapidly. The band had its usual practice this morning.

E. O. Hall & Son's store flies a bright new American flag.

A good flow of artesian water has been struck near Kahului.

This is pay day in the various Government departments.

A stiff breeze from the North has been blowing this afternoon.

The family of Col. J. H. Soper are temporarily stopping at the Arlington.

The official calendar of the November Term of the Circuit Court is out.

There was a large dancing and bathing party from this city at Waikiki last evening.

The STAR's heavy machinery is being placed in the new quarters in the McInerney block.

There was an unimportant meeting of the Planter's Labor and Supply Company yesterday.

T. Krouse, of the Arlington, who has been under the weather some days past, is about again.

The prevalence of a south wind for some days past made the usual increase of sickness in town.

Guardian Davies is bringing his butler and valet and will occupy his house in the Nuuanu valley.

Last night's wind was quite heavy and many people thought the Miowera might be damaged by it.

One of the mules on the tramcar laid down in the road and tried to go to sleep a few evenings ago.

There are 155 cases for trial at the coming term of the Circuit Court, fifteen of which are for divorce.

Three gin smugglers from the Miowera were caught by Capt. Fagerroos of the Custom House yesterday.

The question of President Dole's going to Washington has been under official consideration and is not yet decided.

The natives take great delight in seeing people ride on the top of the double-decker bus and some of them are trying it themselves.

It is reported that Claus Spreckels will return here early in the winter with electrical machinery for use on his sugar estates.

The Myrtle Club has arranged a race for novices, which will come off next Saturday and be for a dinner of Tommy Krouse's best.

Magistrate William Foster has resigned from the police bench. It is not likely that this decision on his part will be overruled.

It is rumored, though the facts are not at hand, that a retired colonel of the United States army has applied for military employment here.

The new quarters of the Brunswick billiard parlors have been fitted up in handsome style and will open this evening. See ad. in another column.

Members of the old band complain that the people who promised to support them after they had left the Government employ are giving them nothing.

The Warrimoo brought a number of Australian plants for J. H. Boyd and others, and Commissioner Marsden has been busy looking them over for obnoxious insects.

The New York Sun reproduces, among a number of paragraphs from the STAR, the account of Lindsay's hustle for payment for the Spreckels presentation cane.

Hame (w) charged with forsaking her husband's bed and board, was up before Judge Robertson this morning, but the parties becoming reconciled in Court, she was discharged.

The Kipahulu Sugar Company has elected the following officers: J. H. Hackfeld, president; H. F. Glade, vice-president; E. Suhr, treasurer; C. Bosse, secretary; and O. Unna, auditor.

The Onomea Sugar Co. has elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing year: President, J. B. Atherton; vice-president, J. O. Carter; treasurer, G. H. Robertson; secretary, E. F. Bishop, and auditor, Geo. P. Castle.

The Mayor of Rochester, N. Y., writes to a friend in this city: "As you are probably aware, owing to the silver question our Congress has not been able to take up any other measures at this special session. When the question of annexation is brought before our Congress, the writer will do what he can in its favor."

Consul Mills says that ex-Minister Blount aspires to even a higher political position than that of Governor of a State. If he is looking for an office which depends on the vote of the American people at large it will depend very much upon the nature of that mysterious report on Hawaiian annexation which he has filed in Washington. This country wants an American President next time.—S. P. Bulletin.

The Admiral's Farewell.

To-morrow morning at eleven o'clock Admiral Skerrett will pay his farewell respects to the Hawaiian Government. The Provisional troops will turn out and take part in the ceremonies.

ABOUT THE WARRIMOO.

THE OLD CAPTAIN AS A PASSENGER.

Surprise Over the Miowera—No News of the Latter Made the Passenger List Light.

Captain McArthur of the Warrimoo has arrived, not as captain, but as a simple cabin passenger, while Captain R. E. Arundell, the former chief officer, paces the bridge and sits at the head of the table.

Why Captain McArthur was relieved from duty is a matter of speculation, and the facts, if they are known to any one aboard the ship besides Mr. McArthur, are hard to get at. Some say that he was relieved and sent out to take command of a new ship now in course of construction, and others shake their heads wisely and refuse to divulge the dark secrets with which they may be burdened.

The brevity of the passenger list this trip, it was learned through an officer, is due to the fact that no news was heard of the Miowera up to the time of the Warrimoo's sailing, and a large number of passengers previously booked took fright and cancelled their tickets.

Up to the day of the Warrimoo's sailing, the 18th inst., the only news respecting the Miowera was to the effect that up to that date the steamer had not reached Vancouver. Beyond this the first definite news of the vessel's whereabouts was learned this morning when the glasses first told the officers of the Warrimoo the story of the wreck, at which it can well be imagined there was much surprise and a great deal of conjecture as to how the trouble occurred.

Captain Metcalfe boarded the steamer soon after her arrival and was closeted with the Captain.

Among the passengers bound for Vancouver is the New Zealand champion Greco-Roman wrestler, who is going to tour the United States in the hope of taking a fall out of some of the professionals there.

The steamer was a day ahead of schedule time.

There is a rumor afloat this afternoon that Chief Officer Perry of the Miowera, together with a quartermaster, a steward and two sailors from the same vessel are to leave for Vancouver by the Warrimoo to-morrow morning, and that Mr. Perry is to assume command of the Warrimoo on reaching that port.

Captain Stott was asked if the rumor was well grounded, and made a very short and somewhat gruff reply to the effect that for the information required Mr. Perry would be the best person to see. Mr. Perry could not be found, but it is believed that the rumor is at least true in part.

The Warrimoo sails at 8 A. M. to-morrow.

A MONSTER CHIMNEY.

The New Smoke-stack of the Electric Light Works.

What will eventually be by long odds the tallest chimney in Honolulu now lies on Alakea street ready to be hoisted in position. It is the steel smoke-stack for the Electric Light works, ninety feet long and six feet in diameter. This monster tube will be hoisted on a twenty-foot foundation of brick in a few days and help form a chimney 110 feet high. The brick and cement foundation is already laid, but time is being allowed it to thoroughly harden before placing the immense weight of the smoke stack on it. After the latter is placed in position a brick wall, four inches thick will be built inside it extending clear to the top. When this is done it is expected the chimney will be good for thirty years or more.

Want to Be Vice-Consul.

As a change is to be made in the position of Vice-Consul at San Francisco, two candidates, Sam Montserrat and Will Soper are out for the position. Montserrat was recommended by Consul-General Wilder as his personal choice and the Executive Committee of the Annexation club endorsed the candidacy. Mr. Soper's appearance in the field, backed by Mr. Damon, came later.

Ferguson Not Here.

Captain Ferguson is no longer at the sacred and sequestered bower of Sans Souci. Paul Neumann says he left for Guatemala three weeks ago. This will be surprising news to some who are in the habit of scanning the outgoing passenger lists and who do not recollect the name of Ferguson on any of them. Did the gallant captain swim away?

Lower Bus Fares.

The bus line advertises a reduction in fares after November 1st by one-half from Fort and Queen streets to the terminus of the street car line in Nuuanu valley. This puts the rate at 2½ cents for the ride.

PERSONAL.

Professor W. T. De Witt Alexander, the commissioner from the Hawaiian government to assist in pleading the cause of annexation, is of Hawaiian-Kentucky descent. His father was a missionary to the islands from Kentucky, and Professor Alexander is not only one of the most scholarly men those islands have produced, but he is a man of first rank in scientific attainment even when compared with the savants of Europe.—Farnham (Wis.) Herald.

AMONG THE OFFENDERS.

To-day's Doings in the Honolulu District Court.

Wo Sing, the Chinaman who was partly tried yesterday for attempting to rescue the fa players from the police, was found not guilty this morning and discharged.

A number of cases were put off until Friday and Saturday and one drunk was fined \$2 and costs.

The Court then took up the case of H. I. and Mrs. E. Keliinulama, who are charged with violating section 10, chapter XIII of the Penal Code, the defendants being within the degree of consanguinity within which marriage is prohibited. Defendants pleaded not guilty. Charles Creighton is associated with the prosecution in this case and Kaula appears for the defense. The defendants are half brother and sister.

The taking of testimony was concluded at the afternoon session, and the court committed both defendants for trial at the Circuit Court, with bail fixed at \$250 each.

CIVIL BUSINESS.

Judge Robertson of the District Court devoted yesterday afternoon to clearing off the civil calendar and a number of cases were disposed of.

Mrs. H. Von Werthern recovered judgment against Phil. Braun for \$34.83 on a bill for silk dress.

Mrs. E. Brown also recovered judgment against the same defendant for \$53.20, balance due on rent.

The case of Sasaoka vs. Tanaka, to recover \$30 money loaned, resulted in a verdict for plaintiff.

E. H. Redward obtained a judgment against Mrs. B. Freimann for \$89.31 for a bill for carpenter work.

In the cases of J. H. Schnack and J. Emmeluth & Co. against J. J. Greene and the Hawaiian Gazette Co., garnishee, the default of the defendant is entered.

At this morning's session the case of Y. Ah Yan vs. Mrs. J. K. Iaukea was finished, resulting in a verdict for the defendant.

Wing Sing Chan obtained judgment against J. W. Alapai for \$2.12 for money loaned.

CIRCUIT AND PROBATE.

Very Little Business About the Judiciary Building.

Business in the Circuit and Probate Courts is decidedly dull this week, the attorneys being principally occupied in preparing for the hard work of next week. Judge Cooper held a short session this morning at which a motion to reopen the case of Medeiros vs. Bowler on the ground of newly discovered evidence was granted.

In the case of Kate Keough vs. Mrs. A. C. Dowsett, and Godfrey Brown, garnishee, the defendant has filed a general denial of the allegations of the complaint. The garnishee makes a return showing \$125.60 in his hands belonging to the defendant.

A motion has been filed on behalf of the plaintiff in the case of Chas. Fischel vs. B. H. Kahanani to set the case on the jury waived calendar for trial at the coming term.

The continuation of the Kapiolani vs. Mahulona case, or as it is generally termed the "forgery" case, is set for Friday before Judge Cooper.

Labor and Supply Company.

The Planter's Labor and Supply Company are in session as the STAR goes to press. Its members met to talk over the question of Japanese labor.

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FLOTSAM AND JETSAM.

THE WARRIMOO IN FROM THE COLONIES.

The Tackle From the Miowera—A Fight Stopped—Some More Gin—Lost His Hat.

The gear used by McDowell on the Miowera recently is being landed at the mail dock, and stowed in the tugboat's store room. The Myrtle boat boys have captured the fourth spool, and it is said on the water front that they demand \$150 salvage on each spool. Seeing that the poles only cost about \$275 in the first place, the salvage asked for is thought to be excessive. All kinds of rumors as to what Captain Metcalfe proposes doing, are afloat and many who were confident that McDowell would succeed are willing to wager their immortal souls now that the Miowera will never be taken off till pontoons are used, and are very loud in the time-honored and aggravating cry of "I told you so." Meantime Captain Metcalfe and the Lougee Brothers are very busy sawing wood and saying nothing, and appear to be oblivious to the fact that the eyes of the world are upon them, and the ears of the world, at least the waterfront world, are anxious for information.

At 11 o'clock this morning the steamship Warrimoo steamed into port from the colonies, having sailed from Sydney on the 18th inst. The report of the passage shows nothing of interest excepting that the steamer stopped at Funafuti Island to allow the natives there to inspect the ship. The steamer had thirty passengers in transit, and three steerage passengers for Honolulu and no freight.

This forenoon just before the steamer came in two Japs became involved in a misunderstanding near the Oceanic wharf, and to the great delight of the bystanders, were settling their difficulty at La Corbett when a police officer arrived and stopped the fight.

Two Japs and a native are now languishing in jail because they didn't stop on the way in from the Miowera the other night and drink the eight bottles of gin they brought off, instead of coming ashore with it and falling in to the hands of customs guards.

The lighter being made ready to receive the pile-driving gear of the recently wrecked Government pile-driver seems to require considerable repairing, and from all appearance it will be several days yet before she will go to work.

The German bark J. C. Pfluger is lying off the foundry where her repairs are being made. The vessel presents a dilapidated appearance with her decks torn up and her fore and mainmasts dismantled.

The Australia will be due from San Francisco on Saturday, and the China from the Orient on Monday, so that mail from the Coast may be answered two days after its arrival.

The Andrew Welch will sail either to-morrow or the next day. She was landed up to the Oceanic dock this morning, where she is now taking in 850 tons of sugar.

The barkentine Kikita is discharging her lumber at Lewers & Cooke's wharf.

C. E. Sproul will complete the new landing at Hanalei some time this week.

The Japanese steamer Mike-maru sails to-morrow at 2 P. M. for Yokohama.

The Mikahala is undergoing repairs at Brewer's wharf.

The Matilda is discharging her cargo at the Mail dock.

The Kinai will be due to-morrow.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31.

DIAMOND HEAD, 3 P. M.—Weather: hazy. Wind light, N.E.

ARRIVALS.

TUESDAY, October 31.

C. A. S. Warrimoo, Arthur, from Vancouver, British Columbia.

DEPARTURES.

TUESDAY, October 31.

Stur W. G. Hall, Sinneron, for Maui and Hawaii.

Stur Claudine, Davies, for Maui.

Stur Iwanan, Freeman, for Kauai.

Stur C. R. Bishop, LeClair, for Kauai.

Schr Sarah and Eliza for Koolau.

Schr Mahimahi for Waialua.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.

Jan 31 Mike Maru, Thompson, for Yokohama on Wednesday, Nov. 1.

VESSELS IN PORT.

NAVAL VESSELS.

U. S. S. Adams, Nelson, San Francisco.

U. S. S. Philadelphia, Barker, Callao.

Am bk Andrew Welch, San Francisco.

Ger bk J. C. Pfluger, Bremen.

Am sch Transit, Jorgensen, San Francisco.

Am sch Robert Lewers, Goodman, Port G'de.

Am sch Alsha, Dabel, San Francisco.

Not sh Beaconfield, Bastanen, Newcastle.

Haw bk R. P. Ribbet, Morrison, San Francisco.

Am lgt W. G. Irwin, Nelson, San Fran.

Yacht Tolna, Tolna, San Francisco.

Am bk Matilda, Stevenson, Nanaimo, B.C.

Am sch S. C. Holmes, Johnson, Port Townsend.

Am bk Kikita, Port Gamble.

FOREIGN VESSELS EXPECTED

Am bk Martha Davis, Boston, Aug 18.

Br sh Villain, Liverpool, Aug 16.

Am brig Consuelo, San Fran., Kah., Oct.

Am bk J. D. Spreckels, San Fran., Oct 3.

Haw sch J. G. North, San Fran., Mah., Oct.

Am sch Allen A. Eureka, Aug 18.

Am sch Glendale, Eureka, Oct.

Am sch Anna, San Fran., Kah., Oct.

Ger bk Nautilus, Liverpool, Dec.

Am bk S. C. Allen, San Francisco, Nov.

A lgt Lartigue, San Fran., Hilo, Nov.

H Hackfeld, Liverpool, Dec.

Schr Haleakala, Fanning's Island, Nov.

Am bk Wrestler, NSW, Oct.

Br bk Duke Argyle, NSW, Nov.

Am bk Albert, San Francisco, Nov.

Am bk Alden, Hesse, San Francisco, Nov.

Am bk Irmgard, San Francisco, Nov.

Am bk C. D. Bryant, San Francisco, Nov.

General Advertisements.

Tons & Tons & Tons of New Goods

have been pouring into our Store and Warehouses the past few weeks. Ex. barks "Paul Isenberg" and "J. C. Pfluger" from Europe, and the different steamers and sailing vessels from S. F. Our stocks of heavy goods, such as Black and Galv'd Chain, Galv'd Sheet Iron, Sheet Zinc, Pig Lead, Sheet Lead, Lead Pipe, Lump Chalk, Shot, Bar Iron &c. has never been so large and complete as it is to-day. Fence Wire—Our stock on 4-5-6 Black and 4-5-6-9-1